



Los Angeles County Commission for Women

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NOMINATION APPLICATION 29th ANNUAL WOMEN OF THE YEAR AWARDS SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON

The nomination application is to include a biography of the nominee. Copies of this form can be downloaded from the Commission's website at <http://laccw.lacounty.gov>

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CRITERIA

Nominees must have worked on behalf of women's issues; made significant contributions to women's equality issues, and served as a role model for women. Previous members of the Commission may be nominated for their current professions and other activities relating to advocacy for women. Previous recipients are not eligible for this award. (See list at: <http://laccw.lacounty.gov>)

Applications for nominations within these categories may be received from the community and Commissioners. If applying in more than one category, a separate application is required.

NOMINATION CATEGORY (to be considered, choose only one appropriate choice)

Education <u> </u>	Health <u> </u>	The Arts / Media <u> </u>	Business / Labor <u> </u>	Law / Public Safety <u>X</u>
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NOMINATION SUBMITTED BY: **DECEMBER 20, 2013**

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PROCESS OF SELECTION

The Women of the Year Awards recognizes up to ten (10) women who are outstanding role models for over 4 million women in the County of Los Angeles. District Awardees are selected by each Los Angeles County Supervisor and Community At-Large Awardees are selected by the Commission for Women in the following five categories: **Education, Health, Media/Arts, Business/Labor, Law/Public Safety**. All nominees will be rated on a scale of 1-4 for each of the following areas below. The highest overall score will receive the award nomination.

NOMINEE Christy Rollins

CATEGORY Law/Public Safety

Please describe your Nominees participation in the following areas in relation to the category chosen:

1. My nominee has worked on behalf of women's issues by:

Ms. Rollins has been the dedicated Probation Officer assigned to the 2nd Chance Women's Re-Entry Court (SCWRC) since 2008, shortly after the court's inception. The SCWRC is a first of its kind in the state; it provides court supervised intensive substance abuse and mental health treatment for female offenders who have cycled through the criminal justice system for years. Ms. Rollins supervises the women in residential and outpatient treatment. From the moment that she was assigned to the program, Ms. Rollins has been an invaluable law enforcement member of the treatment team. She continuously goes above and beyond her assigned duties. She calls participants at night and on weekends; she is always available for team conferences after hours; she meets participants off-site, if they are unable to report to probation because of employment; she coordinates treatment with Probation Officers within and outside of Los Angeles County; and she meets with the police who investigate the conduct of the participants prior to their participation in the court program. Because of her high standards for treatment delivery for the program participants, she has directed policy changes to provide enhanced services and supervision for the women; her diligence consequently increased the retention of participants in treatment. The SCWRC model has been studied at the state and national levels, and Ms. Rollins has been a critical resource for creating an innovative and effective treatment model for the highest risk women in the criminal justice system.

2. My nominee has made significant contributions to women's equality issues by:

Ms. Rollins has been an advocate for at-risk women since she was a teenager, when she was a volunteer for an inner city youth group through her church. Ms. Rollins organized an out of state trip for her youth group to attend President Clinton's inauguration. When the adult chaperone became ill and was unable to make the trip, Ms. Rollins, at age 17, chaperoned the group and stayed with the girls to ensure their safety. While in college, she authored an article that was published in the Cal State Northridge Journal, "The Plight of Afro-American Women Growing Up in South Central Los Angeles." Ms. Rollins went on to become a board member of "Young Professional Women" and helped to empower young women to vote. She also served on the board of "Her World" and helped to organize census reports. She has been active as a volunteer for girls' basketball for many years. In addition, Ms. Rollins has been an advocate for at-risk girls and women for most of her career. She began her Probation career at the Dorothy Kirby Center for emotionally troubled children within the criminal justice system, and she focused her attention on the at-risk girls under her supervision. In her current assignment, Ms. Rollins works diligently to ensure that all women, regardless of their individual challenges, are treated with dignity and receive the highest quality of care.

3. My nominee has served as a role model for women by:

Ms. Rollins has served as a role model for at risk-girls and women throughout her career. While working at the Dorothy Kirby Center, she was a mentor to the girls in areas ranging from teaching them life skills, as simple as how to eat dinner properly, to supervising group therapy that covered the most sensitive issues for these troubled girls. In her current assignment, she has assumed almost a parental role for the female participants of the program. Most of the participants had horrific childhoods, and many of them lacked any parental support. Ms. Rollins works compassionately with women who suffer from severe mental illness and decades of substance abuse issues. These women have lived most of their adult lives in prison, and the care they now receive is instrumental in their recovery. Ms. Rollins provides the support and boundaries that the majority of the participants lacked as children. Her women know that she is serious about their responsibilities while on probation, but they trust her to be fair and supportive. While few in the criminal justice system look forward to being placed on probation, Ms. Rollins' women frequently request that she not transfer them to a different probation officer, even when they have completed their treatment. Some will make the sacrifice of travelling great distances to meet with her.

4. How has your nominee demonstrated an attitude of empowerment, positively influenced and helped women to forge ahead:

Ms. Rollins begins her supervision of each participant with the positive assumption that every one of them will graduate from the program. She meets with the women frequently and has lengthy discussions with them about their challenges and how to overcome them. She attends all of the treatment team meetings and she meets with individual team members to address each individual participant's specific needs. She has earned the respect and trust of the women she supervises. They often go to her regarding issues that would not normally be addressed by a probation officer. Although she treats each woman individually, she requires consistency with general treatment plans. Every woman knows what to expect in treatment. She has earned the respect of the court and is an authoritative voice in the courtroom. Ms. Rollins has positively influenced the very structure of the program by recommending the implementation of treatment policies that benefit all of the participants. She finds services, job leads, sober living facilities and transportation support that remove many of women's final barriers to success and long term recovery.

Reason(s) for Nomination, additional comments or more specifics:

A large part of the success of the Second Chance Women's Re-Entry Court is attributable to the all female treatment team that meets weekly. Christy Rollins is an invaluable member of that team, and without her, the successes of the participants would likely not be so high. Ms. Rollins has the unique ability to work well in a multijurisdictional setting and is often the first person on the team to recognize issues and solutions. She is scrupulously principled and is able to air her position on a point without being argumentative in the slightest. She has never sought recognition or accolade. Christy Rollins is being nominated for the award because she truly deserves it.

Completed forms may be submitted to the Commission for Women at laccw@bos.lacounty.gov or
Mailed to:

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Christy Rollins Biography

Christy Rollins was born in Los Angeles, California. While in High School and College, she was a volunteer for challenged children and adults. While attending Cal State Northridge, Ms. Rollins worked part time for non-sighted veterans and at a law firm. As an adult, Ms. Rollins began focusing her volunteer activities and her career on empowering women, and assisting at-risk girls and women.

Ms. Rollins began her career as a Deputy Probation Officer for the Los Angeles County Probation Department in 1994 at the Dorothy Kirby Center for emotionally troubled children within the criminal justice system. She became a mentor and role model for the girls living in the center. She was promoted to Adult Field Services in 1999 and later became one of the first deputies to implement referrals services to Prop. 36 clients ordered to seek drug treatment. Ms. Rollins assisted the female participants by drug testing them in court to relieve them of additional appointments and worked tirelessly to get her participants into their much needed drug treatment programs.

Because of her strong background in treatment services and her history of working with women, Ms. Rollins was selected as the designated Probation Officer in the Second Chance Women's Re-Entry Court. This innovative court program is the first of its kind, providing court supervised intensive substance abuse and mental health treatment for female offenders who have cycled through the criminal justice system for years. From the onset, Ms. Rollins has been an invaluable treatment team member. She supervises the women in residential and outpatient treatment and provides strong support for the women while holding them accountable for their actions. Ms. Rollins has been responsible for critical improvements to the treatment delivery system for this court program that has won local, state and national awards for its unique design and success.

Ms. Rollins is a volunteer for girls' basketball and is the proud mother of a 13 year old girl who wants to travel the world and attend college at USC.